

## Medicare Saving Program Requests Full Medicaid Coverage

When a person who has ongoing coverage under a Medicare Savings Program (QMB, LMB) requests Medicaid, the date of request establishes the first month of the current base period.

### Example

Rosie has an ongoing LMB only case. She normally does not have many medical expenses, so this has been a help having her Medicare Part B premium paid. She calls you on May 4 and tells you that she just discovered that she will be having surgery on May 18 and then will be on some expensive medications. She would like to be on spenddown May so she can get some help paying the medical expenses now.

### What Do You Do?

- ✓ The date of request was May 4, so May is the first month of the base period.
- ✓ The system is currently in the month of June. Since June is not a paid month - delete the month of June.
- ✓ Establish a six-month base period of May through October.
- ✓ Re-authorize **SPEN** and **MSID** so the information on KAECSSES will go over to the MMIS system to let them know the base period and the spenddown amount for the Medically Needy benefit plan.
- ✓ Send notice to consumer.
- ✓ You may also need to explain to the consumer the MN medical card and how the provider billing process works.
- ✓ Check to see if she has any expenses that need to be entered on the MEEX screen or to be beneficiary billed.

- A person may also request prior medical assistance.
- A new case number is needed to process the prior medical request on the KAECSSES system.

### Example

Don Mattingly has an open FS case and is receiving LMB only on case number 01000011 with a review due September 2005. On June 28, Don contacts you to say that he has a rather large medical expense related to a surgery he just had and he will be sending you a copy of the bill. He would like to have a spenddown established because of his increased health costs related to the surgery. Many of his expenses are for the last month or two, so he would like a prior medical spenddown established as well.

### What Do You Do?

- The date of request was June 28, so June is the first month of the current base period of June through November.
- The three-month prior spenddown base is March through May
  - The system is currently in the month of August. The system will not allow you to go back and set up a three-month base of March to May on his current case number of 01000011.
  - You must obtain a new case number of 020000222 for Don to establish the prior spenddown base period.
  - You determine that Don's three-month spenddown is \$915 (\$800 income - \$20 disregard - \$475 IL PIL = \$305 x 3 months).
  - Allow any appropriate expenses on **MEEX**, and authorize **SPEN** and **MSID** so this information goes over to the MMIS system and a MN medical card is issued to Don.
  - You notify Don of the spenddown amount for prior base period.
  - MMIS will send Don a MN medical card.
  - Explain how the MN medical card and the provider billing process works. Also explain if providers will not bill expenses, then the beneficiary billing process will be used.

- ✓ The current base period is June through November.
  - On the new case number of 020000222, establish the current base period June through November on **SPEN**.
  - Authorize June, July and August to be current on the KAECSSES system.
  - Send out notice to Don notifying him of spenddown amount.
  - MMIS will send Don a MN medical card.
- ✓ On the old case number 010000111, the system is currently in the month of August. If this is a medical case only, close the case effective July 31.

#### **If Old Case Is LMB/Food Stamp**

- ✓ If the old case number 010000111 was an open LMB/Food Stamp case, you want to code Don '**OU**' for LMB coverage for the month of August. (He has case 020000222 opened for medical coverage.) The FS case 010000111 will remain open so Don can access his food benefits on his existing Vision card.
- ✓ You now have an open MS case 020000222 and an open FS case 010000111.
  - At the end of Joe's current base period (June-Nov.), ask Joe if he wants another 6 month spenddown period. If he tells you he just wants LMB coverage, close case 020000222 effective November 30 and open LMB only coverage on old case 010000111 effective Dec. 1. You now have the one case number for Joe's Medical and Food Stamp programs and can have the same review period.
  - If Joe wants to meet another 6 month spenddown period, it would be easiest to leave the medical case 020000222 open. If Joe does not meet this 6 month spenddown period, close case 020000222 and add LMB coverage for Joe on case 010000111.